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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

- 1-15. (Previously cancelled)
- 16. (Currently amended) An information handling system comprising:
- a processor;
- a memory communicatively coupled to the processor; and
- a circuit board communicatively coupled to the processor, the circuit board comprising:
 - a voltage plane forming a first layer of the circuit board, the voltage plane operable to provide an electrical current;
 - a ground plane forming a second layer of the circuit board, the ground plane operable to provide a ground for the electrical current;
 - the an electrical trace, electrically distinct from the voltage plane and the ground plane, routed over a portion of the circuit board, the electrical trace including a first path and a second path such that the first path references the ground plane and the second path references the voltage plane whereby the first path is substantially similar to the second path; and
 - the first path electrically coupled to the second path at <u>proximal to</u> each of the ends of the paths.
- 17. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 16, wherein the first path is located at a distance from the ground plane that is substantially equal to the distance the second path is located from the voltage plane.
- 18. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 16, wherein the ground plane and the voltage plane are symmetrically oriented about the circuit board.

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- 19. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 18, wherein the first path and the second path are symmetrically oriented about the circuit board.
- 20. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 19, wherein the first path and the ground plane are a mirror image of the second path and the voltage plane.
- 21. (New) An information handling system comprising:
- an integrated circuit; and
- a circuit board communicatively coupled to the integrated circuit, the circuit board comprising:
 - an electrically conductive voltage plane forming a first layer of the circuit board;
 - an electrically conductive ground plane forming a second layer of the circuit board; and
 - an electrically conductive trace not in electrical contact with the voltage plane or the ground plane, comprising:
 - a first portion lying in a first plane that references the ground plane;
 - a second portion lying in a second plane that references the voltage plane;
 - a first electrically conductive via contacting a first point of the first portion and contacting the a first point of the second portion; and
 - a second electrically conductive via contacting a second point of the first portion and contacting a second point of the second portion.
- 22. (New) The information handling system of claim 21, wherein first and second portions mirror each other in their respective planes.
- 23. (New) The information handling system of Claim 21, wherein a displacement between the first plane and the ground plane is substantially equal to a displacement between the second plane and the voltage plane.
- 24. (New) The information handling system of Claim 21, wherein the ground plane and the voltage plane are equidistant from a center plane of the circuit board.

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- 25. (New) The information handling system of Claim 21, wherein the first plane and a plane the second plane are equidistant from a center plane of the circuit board.
- 26. (New) An information handling system, comprising:
- an integrated circuit; and
- a circuit board coupled to the integrated circuit, the circuit board comprising:

 an electrically conductive voltage plane operable to receive a supply voltage;

 an electrically conductive ground plane operable to receive a ground voltage; and
 an electrically conductive trace operable to receive a data signal, comprising:
 - a first portion lying in a first plane that references the ground plane;
 - a second portion lying in a second plane that references the voltage plane;
 - a first electrically conductive via contacting a first point of the first portion and contacting the a first point of the second portion; and
 - a second electrically conductive via contacting a second point of the first portion and contacting a second point of the second portion.
- 27. (New) The information handling system of Claim 26, wherein first and second portions mirror each other in their respective planes.
- 28. (New) The information handling system of Claim 26, wherein a displacement between the first plane and the ground plane is substantially equal to a displacement between the second plane and the voltage plane.
- 29. (New) The information handling system of Claim 26, wherein the ground plane and the voltage plane are equidistant from a center plane of the circuit board.
- 30. (New) The information handling system of Claim 26, wherein the first plane and the second plane are equidistant from a center plane of the circuit board.

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31. (New) The information handling system of Claim 26, wherein the supply voltage is a DC voltage and the data signal is a time varying signal.